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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am in full support of competition in the broadband market. For a long time, there was only one provider (Comcast) with competitive speeds in my hometown Berkeley, CA. Unfortunately, this came at the cost of outrageous prices, frequent outages, and a lack of privacy. I was therefore more than pleased when the local internet provider Sonic started to offer high-quality gigabit fiber service while respecting my privacy.

Please do NOT deregulate the broadband industry. This will prevent regional providers like Sonic to build regional, competitive fiber networks, thus reducing competition and access for consumers like me.

Regional providers, like Sonic, need unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete on equal footing with incumbent providers like Comcast. This is likely to increase the cost of internet services, reducing access for all and in particular for low-income communities.

Thank you.

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